



April 3, 2023

Hello Rosemead Families,

As Spring Break approaches, we want to share important updates and announcements that will impact your children and you.

Recently, our County Department of Public Health (DPH) published changes to isolation and quarantine rules that are now in effect in our school district. Below is a summary of the changes:

- COVID-19-positive students (symptomatic or asymptomatic) must isolate for at least five (5) days.
- A COVID-19-positive student can exit isolation and return to school without a negative COVID test under the following conditions:
 - The student must be fever free (without the use of medicine) for 24 hours and have improving or no symptoms.
 - The student should continue to wear a mask unless they have tested negative twice for COVID on tests taken 24 hours apart.
 - A positive student with worsening symptoms, including a fever, should continue in quarantine.
- Students who are close contacts with no symptoms can continue with their regular activities with no need to quarantine. If the close contact occurs at school,
 - Our health staff will test students.
 - Parents will be notified of the test results and next steps.

It is important that we acknowledge the continuing danger of COVID-19 and that we stay vigilant. We will continue to provide students access to personal protective equipment, including home-test kits, during vacations. Test kits will be distributed to students during the week of April 3 – 9 to be administered during Spring Break before returning to school on Monday, April 17.

Regarding safety, I know you join me in sadness over the shooting death of three students and three staff members at The Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee. This is yet another tragedy that serves as a reminder for everyone to remain vigilant. Our school district continues to implement strategies to increase student and staff safety. We recently installed surveillance cameras on every school campus, our staff participated in Active Intruder training that included the Run, Hide, or Fight protocol, and our School Safety Plans have all been updated. Because safety is a collective effort, we ask everyone to immediately report suspicious behavior. If you

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see something that is dangerous or concerning, please let an authority know by contacting our school and/or district administration as well as our local police station.


Beginning in April, grade 3-8 students will begin taking the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment for language arts and math. Students in grades 5 and 8 will also take the California Test for Science. These tests are part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). The CAASPP system promotes high-quality teaching and learning by informing students, parents, and teachers about what students know and can do. It is important to understand that the CAASPP test scores are one of many pieces of information we use to assess how your child/ren is doing in school. We also use report cards, i-Ready and STAR assessments, and teacher observations to evaluate student performance. Our teachers and support staff work tirelessly to ensure that every student receives rigorous instruction. We are confident our students will perform well on the CAASPP.

As the end of the school year approaches, we encourage you to be alert for important information about Open House, end-of-year celebrations, promotions, and our summer programs. This information will come directly from your school's administration.

Lastly, we have already begun to plan for the next school year. We are currently registering new students for 2023-2024. If you have an incoming new student or know of someone who does, it is important that they register for school as soon as possible. Registration information can be found by visiting the following webpage: <https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/Page/488>.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools and district. We hope you have a restful Spring Break.

Respectfully,


Alejandro Ruvalcaba
Superintendent of Schools